

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 10/758,264

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REMARKS

Claims 35, 37-39, 41, 42, 46 and 48 are pending in the application. Claims 35, 37-39, 41, 42, 46 and 48 are allowed. Claims 36 and 40 were rejected.

Claims 36 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Higashide, *et al.* Applicants have canceled claims 36 and 40. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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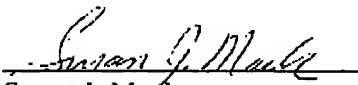
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